



Park High School

Grades 9-12

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School Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3:06 p.m.

Todd Herber, Principal
Julie Nielsen, Superintendent

College Entrance Examination Board
(CEEB) Code: 242-340

About Park High School

Park High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school located in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. Park High School serves students in the communities of Cottage Grove, Grey Cloud Island, and St. Paul Park. High school classes are scheduled in a six-period day with three trimesters (12 weeks each) in a grading period.

About the Community

PHS is part of South Washington County Schools. The district includes the communities of Afton, Cottage Grove, Denmark, Grey Cloud Island, Newport, St. Paul Park and Woodbury encompassing an area of 84 square miles. The population of the district is approximately 98,100 people, including 18,900 students who attend district schools.

Graduation Requirements



66 credits required for graduation.

(1 credit per class per trimester)

English: 12 credits
Mathematics: 9 credits
Science: 9 credits
Social Studies: 10 credits

General Phy Ed: 1 credit
Health: 1 credit
Fine Arts: 2 credits
Electives: 22 credits

School and Community



Year opened: 1965

Enrollment: 1,950 students

Number of staff members: 193

Staff with advanced degrees: 79.35%

Senior class size: 460 students

Graduation rate (2023): 97%

ACT average: 19.0

Total MSHSL sports: 37

Total clubs: 60+

Students in at least 1 club/activity: 42%

Demographics



- 60% - White
- 13% - Hispanic
- 9% - Black/African American
- 9% - Asian
- 7% - Two or more races
- <1% - American Indian/Alaskan Native

Approximately 29% of the PHS student population are eligible for educational benefits.

(formerly referred to as free/reduced meals)

PHS Counseling Staff

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Grading and Ranking Procedures

GPA is based on marks earned in grades 9–12. All courses for which the student receives a grade A–F are included in the GPA. Pass grades are not included in the GPA, but do count for credit (a maximum of two credits per year may be taken with the pass/no credit option).



Grades for IB courses will receive a weighted grade using a 1.2 multiplier (i.e. A = 4.8).

A = 4.0	C+ = 2.333	D- = 0.667
A- = 3.667	C = 2.0	F = 0.00
B+ = 3.333	C- = 1.667	P = Pass
B = 3.0	D+ = 1.333	N = No Credit
B- = 2.667	D = 1.0	

PHS ACT Test Results

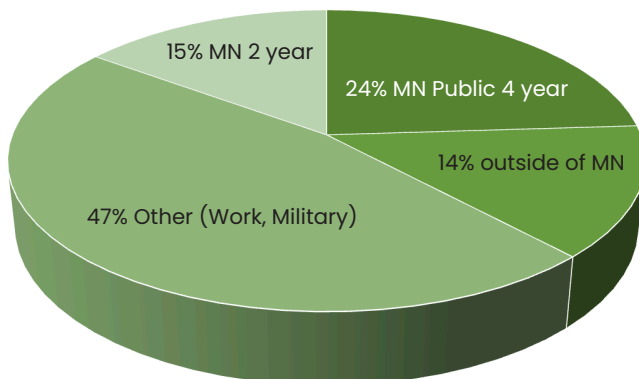
Year	N*	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
22-23	395	17.9	18.8	19.4	19.4	19.0

*Number of students tested

PHS Advanced Placement Test Results

- During the 2022-23 school year, 338 AP exams were taken.
- 80% of those tested earned a score of 3 or higher.

PHS College Attendance - Class of 2021



Spotlights on PHS

- PHS International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma candidates score higher on exams than the state and national average, giving them a qualification that is welcomed by leading universities around the world.
- PHS facilities include a wellness center, multicultural inclusion center and an inventor space.
- PHS is an AVID National Demonstration School

Curriculum Features

Park High School offers a comprehensive curriculum of over 170 courses, including a full range of college preparatory, general and career technical classes designed to meet the needs of all students.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program:

PHS is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, offering the internationally-recognized IB diploma program. This program aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

Students may elect to take a number of IB courses or pursue the full IB diploma. IB courses include English, History, Spanish, German, Math including two-year Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Sports Exercise/Health Sciences, Psychology, Music and Visual Arts.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:

Human Geography, World History, Statistics, AP Calculus

CIS Courses:

American Democracy in a Changing World (Political Science)

Honors Courses:

English 9, English 10 and Earth and Space Science

Other Special Features:

Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Northeast Metro 916 Technical College, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)